

# First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue  
New Orleans, La. 70125

**February 2, 2025**

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11:00 am

Writing in **bold** is for the congregation's response.

\*Please stand as you are able.

\*Please silence your phones during worship service.\*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 71)

Leader: O God, do not be far from me.

**People: O my God, make haste to help me.**

Leader: I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.

**People: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,  
of your deeds of salvation, all day long.**

Leader: I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God.

**People: I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.**

\*HYMN 309 "Come, Great God of All the Ages"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**Holy God, for many of us, it's been a tough week. Maybe a tougher week than normal. At least, it seemed that way. We said things to others we wish we hadn't said, and we didn't speak up when we probably should have. We ask your forgiveness, God. Forgive us. Help us to forgive others for the things they said or didn't say. And help us to forgive ourselves, as we are perhaps the hardest judges we will ever know.**

*Silent Prayer*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

**Response: And also with you!**

## HEARING THE WORD

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM "As the Grains of Wheat" Marty Haugen

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pg. 603)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

New Testament Reading Luke 4:16-30 (pgs. 830-831)

Preacher: The word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

SERMON "Jesus Said What?" Rev. Kathleen Crighton

\* HYMN 507 "Come to the Table of Grace"

## SHARING THE WORD WITH THE WORLD

### TITHES AND SOUPER BOWL OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY Avery & Marsh

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of  
every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*(All sing:)*

**Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord.**

**Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son,**

**Holy is the Spirit, Blessed Three in One.**

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ your  
Son, our Lord...

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Leader: Let us say what we believe, using the words of the  
Apostles' Creed.

**The Apostles' Creed** (*p. 35 in Glory to God hymnal*)

**The Lord's Prayer**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and  
south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved,  
and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the  
world and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and  
our neighbors with great joy. Amen.**

\*HYMN 296 "Go in Grace and Make Disciples"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

**PREACHING:** Rev. Kathleen Crighton

**LITURGIST:** elder, Bruce Mather

**PIANIST:** Aya Magavina

**OFFERING:** elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

**BELL RINGER:** deacon, David Rabinowitz

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## FPCNO THIS WEEK

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<b>Monday</b>	7pm-9pm	"Carrollton" AA Group	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	9am-11am 7pm-9pm	Program of Hope (setup) "Big Easy" AA Group	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	9am-10:30am 7pm-9pm	Program of Hope Disco Amigos	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	7pm-9pm	MCC	Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	10am-2pm	Disco Amigos	Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45am -10:15am 10am-11am 11am-12pm	F.P.C Adult Bible Study M.C.C Sunday Service F.P.C Sunday Service	Conference Rm. Fellowship Hall Sanctuary

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# WELCOME VISITORS!

## We Are Glad You Are Here

We welcome you to historic, progressive First Presbyterian Church this morning! Even if you are just visiting the city, we want you to feel welcome in our community and to involve yourself in the life of this place. Here are a few things to get you up to speed.

- If you are a visitor or guest we invite you to sign the visitor/guest register which is located in the Narthex and/or sign the guest/visitors card located in your bulletin and put in the offering plate. We care about you and want to know who you are.
- A bathroom is available (with a changing table) at the back of the church in the left hand alcove as you face the entrance doors.
- During the time of the passing of the peace, some may be comfortable with hugs, laughs, and conversation, but others may not. Please be respectful of one another's comfort levels. If you would prefer to maintain a social distance, you may pass the peace by folding your arms, making a peace sign, or whatever is comfortable for you.
- **Great news!** We have resumed having coffee available in the narthex before, during, and after worship. Big thanks to our elder, Henry Kleinfeldt for preparing the coffee! We are also offering snacks. Feel free to donate your favorite kinds and leave them on the table beside the coffee fixings.
- We were the first "More Light" congregation in New Orleans and now are the first congregation to be a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians in New Orleans. Which means we welcome not only the membership, but the leadership and talents of all genders, abilities, races, and sexual orientations.
- We appreciate the spiritual and financial support your attendance brings. If you wish, you may put cash or a check in the offering plate that will be passed towards the end of the service. If you would like to use a credit card or PayPal to make a secure donation to the Program of Hope or the Capital Campaign, you can go to the church's website, [www.fpcno.org](http://www.fpcno.org) and click on the links on the right hand side of the home page.



Please like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/fpcno](https://facebook.com/fpcno) and also follow us on X (formerly Twitter) at <https://x.com/fpcno>.

We don't have an official church newsletter, but you can find updates on our Facebook page (above) and website, [www.fpcno.org](http://www.fpcno.org).

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## WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

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RICHARD TATUM

### SEXTON:

(CORVUS JANITORIAL) MRS. KAREN AND MRS. DARNEISA

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## THE SESSION

### CLERK OF SESSION

KEN ALLEN

### ASSISTANT CLERK OF SESSION

BRUCE MATHER

### CLASS OF 2024

HENRY KLEINFELDT  
LYDIA POLLARD

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BRUCE MATHER  
CHRISTIE RUPPEL

### CLASS OF 2026

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TED SWARTZ

### PROGRAM OF HOPE DIRECTOR

DIANE KLEINFELDT

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